

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 1.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending April 16, 2000**. Cold and wet conditions across most of the state continue to delay spring planting. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 37 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1999	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	81	71	68	75	1	6	36	48	9
	Emerged	68	59	43	46					
Cotton	Planted	0	0	3	3	--	--	--	--	--
Rice	Planted	3	2	18	34	--	--	--	--	--
Sorghum	Planted	12	3	14	24	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Planted	2	1	8	9	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Jointing	99	97	93	92	0	3	20	57	20
	Heading	87	52	62	43					
Watermelons	Planted	47	35	37	41	--	--	--	--	--
Blueberries						2	4	34	49	11
Cattle						1	7	20	60	12
Pasture						1	8	28	51	12

County Agent Comments

“The heavy rainfall we’ve received the last two weeks has prevented any field work. All producers are anxious to hit the fields and plant corn, sorghum, soybeans, and rice. The ground is still too cold to consider cotton right now.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Below freezing temperatures have caused corn to be burned back to the ground. Most corn will be okay because the growing point was still below the soil. The verdict is still out on wheat. Most of the wheat crop was not completely headed so hopefully damage will be minimal. Some corn on low land will have to be replanted due to too much rain.”

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

“Corn is the crop suffering the most damage. There is a limited amount of damage from insects and minimal frost damage is showing up. Also, saturated soils is causing some yellowing and there has been significant damage to what is apparently herbicide drift. Many acres of row crop land have been rowed up this spring. A lot of corn was planted following the first rains in early March. Burndown materials have been applied to the vegetation on the rowed up fields. Many acres of corn are showing symptoms of misplaced herbicides.”

— Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

“Soil moisture conditions are preventing field work on row crop land. Pastures are in much better shape now that adequate moisture is available. Some field work could resume later this week if we receive good drying conditions for 3-4 days.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

“Frequent rain showers and cloudy, overcast weather conditions are hindering ryegrass, hay, and haylage harvesting operations. Frosty weather on April 8 and 9 did slight freeze damage to young corn, however, damage is not severe enough to cause serious problems. Several days of warm, sunny weather are needed to warm soil temperatures up to desirable levels and to allow for continued harvest of ryegrass hay and haylage.”

— Lamar Adams, Walthall County

Weather Summary from April 10, 2000 to April 16, 2000 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	96	40	59	62		E0.91	-0.15	3	6.43				0.34
Cleveland	68	47	56	62	-6	0.69		4	7.88				
Tunica	68	47	56	62	-6	1.52	+0.19	4	5.73	68	50	58	
Extreme/Avera	96	40	58	63	-5	E1.04	-0.17	4	6.68	68	50	58	0.34
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	72	45	57	59	-2	1.15	-0.04	3	5.20	65	55	59	0.07
Memphis	77	48	59	62	-3	0.70	-0.62	4	4.16				
Oxford	72	33	57	60	-3	0.74	-0.39	3	8.03				
Extreme/Avera	77	33	57	61	-4	0.86	-0.38	3	5.80	65	55	59	0.07
3. Northeast													
Booneville	68	33	54	60	-6	1.37	+0.12	3	6.94				
Corinth	69	37	55	61	-6	1.35	+0.10	3	6.29				
Iuka	69	26	53			2.03		3	9.60				
Pontotoc	69	44	56	61	-5	1.16	-0.10	5	10.69	67	54	60	0.13
Tupelo	79	42	57	62	-5	0.99	-0.20	6	7.73				
Verona	71	42	57			1.60		3	10.99	63	51	54	0.08
Extreme/Avera	79	26	55	61	-6	1.42	+0.16	4	8.71	67	51	57	0.09
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	75	43	59	64	-5	0.90	-0.29	2	12.35	75	62	68	
Greenwood	77	44	60	63	-3	0.58	-0.61	3	10.12				
Rolling Fork	76	42	60	64	-4	0.73	-0.39	2	8.79	78	58	69	0.09
Stoneville	75	42	58	64	-6	1.34	+0.22	4	11.49	70	50	61	0.09
Yazoo City	74	35	60	65	-5	0.82	-0.39	3	13.38				
Extreme/Avera	77	35	59	64	-5	0.87	-0.32	3	11.23	78	50	66	0.09
5. Central													
Carthage		39		63		1.43	+0.17	3	9.17				
Jackson	79	40	63	64	-1	1.06	-0.27	3	8.63				
Winona	70	29	55	60	-5	1.17	-0.09	3	12.77				
Extreme/Avera	79	29	59	63	-4	1.22	-0.04	3	10.19				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						1.86	+0.41	3	4.97	70	49	59	
Columbus	79	39	59			0.92		2	7.82				
State University	75	36	57	63	-6	1.18	-0.15	2	9.77	64	49	59	0.07
Extreme/Avera	79	36	58	63	-5	1.32	-0.05	2	7.52	70	49	59	0.07
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	77	39	62			0.60		3	7.82	77	53	67	
Natchez	79	39	63	67	-4	3.63	+2.35	3	10.43				
Oakley	77	42	61	64	-3	1.70	+0.49	2	11.61	77	57	66	
Vicksburg	76	37	60			0.35		2	10.89				
Extreme/Avera	79	37	62	65	-3	1.57	+0.31	3	10.19	77	53	67	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	78	42	65	66	-1	3.78	+2.52	1	6.52				
McComb	80	39	65	65	0	0.40	-0.89	2	4.67				
Extreme/Avera	80	39	65	65	0	2.09	+0.81	2	5.60				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						1.27		2	7.00				
Hattiesburg	80	39	65	66	-1	0.95	-0.15	1	3.64				
Laurel	78	37	62	65	-3	0.23	-0.89	1	4.31				
Meridian	79	36	62	64	-2	0.34	-0.95	2	4.81				
Newton	77	37	60	63	-3	0.45	-0.84	1	5.72	62	45	56	0.09
Extreme/Avera	80	36	62	65	-3	0.49	-0.74	1	4.62	62	45	56	0.09
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	82	33	64			0.34		2	2.46				
BiloxiAFB	79	45	68			0.95		2	1.89				
Gulfport	78	42	66	68	-2	0.60	-0.52	1	1.56				
Pascagoula	75	39	62	67	-5	0.54	-0.44	2	1.32				
Poplarville	81	42	65	66	-1	0.80	-0.39	2	2.44	80	62	70	0.16
Extreme/Avera	82	33	65	67	-2	0.65	-0.44	2	1.93	80	62	70	0.16
State	96	26	60	64	-4	1.16	-0.08	3	7.44	80	45	62	0.12

DFN = Departure from Normal.
'E' = Estimated Values.